

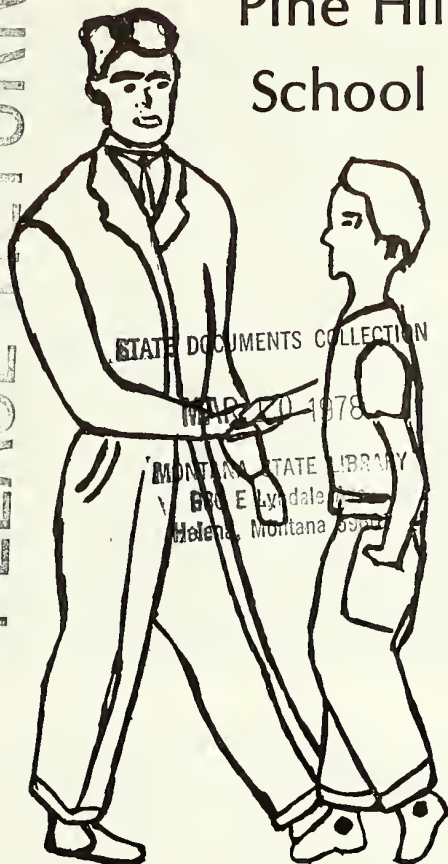
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Information For Parents

**Pine Hills School for Boys
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YOUR BOY IN PINE HILLS SCHOOL

Your son is now living with us in Pine Hills School. We know you are concerned about him and we want to share our feelings and ideas with you as to the meaning of this new experience for him.

He was placed in this school for a period of training. It is our hope that the help which we offer him and you will be used to avoid further acts of delinquency. We hope you will come and visit your son and our school soon so one of our caseworkers can talk with you about your son's program. But, in the meantime, we wish you to know something about his care in our school.

During the first four to eight weeks your son will be living in our receiving lodge (Custer). Here he will learn the rules of the school and how to live with other boys. After we have completed our social information, testing, and medical evaluation, we will hold a staffing and decide on a program which we feel will be of the most help to your son while he is here.

Your son will then be transferred to one of our regular lodges, with lodge parents who are interested in helping him. He will be taking part in many different lodge activities, as well as being made responsible for his share of the lodge duties.

All boys under 16 years of age must attend our academic school. Our new academic school building is one of the best in the state. All of our teachers are certified. Boys in this program are working and studying on the level which is appropriate to their needs. The older boys are encouraged to attend our academic program, but may have the opportunities which are offered in our vocational programs and various work details.

Your boy will quickly find his place in our recreational program, organized and conducted by a qualified leader. The new physical training center on our campus is one

of the finest gyms in the state of Montana. Here your boy may learn to enjoy such activities as basketball, volleyball, and physical fitness.

Outdoor sports include touch football, archery, tennis, softball, horseshoes and track. During the summer swimming is provided both at the city pool and at our summer camp on the Fort Peck Reservoir. Other activities appropriate for his age group are also provided.

Movies are shown on weekends and on holidays. A canteen is provided for the boys to purchase candy and personal items. Each boy is encouraged to have a little spending money (\$1.00-\$2.00) per month. Please send you money by check or money order.

Your boy will keep regular hours. He will rise at 6:00 a.m. and be in bed by 10:00 p.m. Occasionally, the lodge may stay up and watch a late movie on TV or participate in other activities.

Our full time institutional chaplain will also get to know your son. On Sunday mornings both Roman Catholic and general chapel services are available to the boys. Religious instruction is also provided. Although we feel that religious worship and faith are important to the development of the child, attendance at our religious services is strictly voluntary.

OUR PROGRAM

Your boy is here because he got into trouble. He needs to learn to take responsibility. We hope that when he leaves here, he will be able to behave himself and that he will not be delinquent again. Our program is designed to help him to achieve such a change.

The length of time your boy will be here depends upon his progress through the institutional program. He will be evaluated periodically by the Case Conference Committee. This committee considers his

daily adjustments and attitudes and his overall need in terms of his returning to the community and keeping out of trouble. On the average, most boys are here 9 to 11 months.

The longer your boy is here, the more responsibility is given him. Every effort is made to make his assignments interesting and beneficial. When he has been in the school five or more months, he is given a pass to go off campus with you or other responsible adults when you can't come to visit. We feel that visits from the family are important and encourage you to visit at least once a month. After 5 months he may be eligible for weekend over-night passes. In general, he is given added privileges and added responsibility.

WHEN YOU MAY VISIT

Only parents or guardians, family members, and grandparents are permitted to visit. Girl friends and boy friends **must have written approval** from the superintendent before visiting. You are encouraged to visit on weekends in order not to interfere with his regular program, but may visit at any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Boys are not permitted to receive phone calls. However, if he is eligible for an off-campus leave and you cannot visit, he may call once a month.

YOUR BOY WILL NEED:

We provide your son with the essentials for his care. Boys are permitted to wear their own clothing, so you may send him shoes and other items of clothing. You may wish to bring or mail him such items as:

Cookies	Swim trunks
Toothpaste	Games
Toothbrush	Books & magazines

You may leave money for him which is kept in his personal account so he may purchase items from our canteen. All items should be turned in at the front office and **NOT** given to the student.

YOUR BOY'S MAIL

You may write to your son as often as you wish and he may also write you as often as he wishes. The exception to this is if he is in our discipline lodge, then he may write only at specified times.

With certain exceptions he may receive letters from friends that come to him. Then he may select those he wishes to correspond with and thereafter he will be permitted to write them during the specified times (every two weeks).

One of the exceptions referred to above is that he may not correspond with any student in another state institution or one who is on parole, except when given special permission by the superintendent.

All incoming and outgoing mail (except attorney-client mail) is reviewed by either his counselor, caseworker or lodge parents.

MEDICAL AND CLINICAL SERVICES

Your boy will be assigned a counselor who will help him get to know the school and who will talk with him frequently about any problems which may arise. This person will be available to talk with you about your son's progress and about your own problems or questions involving your son. Appointments can be made by writing or calling your son's counselor.

Your son will be seen by our psychologist so that we may know more about his problems and how to work with him.

You will be notified of any medical or dental problems, or in case of serious illness. For this reason it is especially important that you keep us informed as to your address and telephone number.

SMOKING RULES

If your son is 15 years or older, with your written permission, he may be given 5 to 7 cigarettes a day. He must buy his own cigarettes and these are given to him at

smoking breaks only. With your permission he may smoke during your visits with him.

FORESTRY CAMP

All boys sixteen or over and not in school will be considered for transfer to the Swan River Youth Forest Camp. A boy in camp works with the forest ranger preserving and developing the state forest. He learns what it is like to live and work in the mountain area, surrounded by natural streams and woods.

AFTERCARE SERVICES

Prior to your boy leaving Pine Hills School or the forest camp, he is referred to the Aftercare Department. An aftercare counselor is assigned to your son and will talk to you before your son is released. He will also help your son adjust to his community, help him get back into school, or find a job. He is also there to help you with any problems that may come up involving your boy. His main function is to keep your son from having to return to our institution.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
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